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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Plans & Programs Division, PP&BS/NPTIC

SUBJECT: IEG Requirement for the 1540 Split Format Light Table

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REFERENCE: [redacted] dated 25 October 1968

1. The Imagery Exploitation Group has reviewed the referenced memorandum concerning the availability of 1540 Split Format Light Tables. It is requested that only the 1 February - 1 June 1969 schedule be considered. The other (1 February - 1 January 1970), although logical from a T & E standpoint, should not be considered. Continued use of the 940 MC and 940 MCE Light Tables serves to prolong an inefficient manner of exploiting the KH-7 [redacted]. The 1540 was designed specifically for KH-7 [redacted]. At this point may we remind the PP&BS that IEG requested only 43 940 Split Format Light Tables. This was appropriate in order to:

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a. Provide for an immediate increase in the number of imagery interpreters during FY-68.

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b. Keep expenditures at a minimum for a limited capability table [redacted]

c. Update equipment with expected delivery of 1540 Split Format Light Tables and therefore provide each interpreter with this table.

IEG makes a categorical statement that the 1540 tables should be available as soon as possible.

2. In reaching this conclusion, the IEG has given full consideration to:

a. Its immediate need for the 1540 Split Format Light Table.

b. The possibility of obtaining a suitable table without extensive T & E as outlined.

c. Other alternatives to requesting production of the table as soon as practical.

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3. In the final analysis, the IEG remains convinced that the 1540 Split Format Light Table should be made available as soon as possible. Use of obsolete equipment in IEG can then be discontinued.

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